

# Saber Summaries

Principals' Office 2018-2019 Year-End Wrap-Up

## Fond Farewells and Warm Welcomes

### *Staffing, Grade Level Changes for 2019-2020 Re-Capped*

At the end of this school year, we will say goodbye to third grade teacher Miss Briganti, first grade teaching assistant Mrs. Wenzlik and kindergarten teaching assistant Mrs. McGrath. Our math tutor, Mrs. Griesse, has also decided not to return following her maternity leave. We thank them for their service to our school and wish them well as they move on to pursue new opportunities.

These departures will lead to some changes in the fall. Mrs. Schiavoni will join Mr. Manno and Mrs. Starkey on the third grade teaching team. Prior to teaching third grade at St. Columbkille School for the past 7 years, Mrs. Schiavoni completed her student teaching at St. Hilary with Mrs. Starkey, so we

are excited to have her back with us. A magna cum laude graduate of the University of Akron, Mrs. Schiavoni has certifications in early childhood education and early childhood intervention specialist.

In addition, our current seventh and eighth grade math teacher, Mr. Dougherty, will move to sixth grade to teach math. Mrs. Taylor Sanders has been hired to teach math to grades seven and eight. Mrs. Sanders comes to us from Walsh Jesuit High School, where she has taught algebra II and pre-calculus for the past 3 years, along with serving in other leadership and coaching roles. Mrs. Sanders holds a bachelor's degree from Walsh University with licensure in adoles-

cent to young adult grades 7-12 integrated mathematics.

Our intervention specialist, Mr. Drought, will continue to assist in several classes, including math, as he has during Mrs. Griesse's maternity leave.

The hiring process is underway to fill the teaching assistant vacancies in Miss DiPronio's room and Mrs. Holland's room.

Besides changes in our teaching staff, we will also have some changes in our counseling staff while Mrs. Parisi continues to undergo her medical treatments. Mrs. Parisi, who has been part of our school counseling team for the past three years, will be

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### ***Don't Forget to Pay Balances Now***

Just a reminder that all 2018-2019 tuition, fees and library fines should be paid by now. Failure to pay these will result in the holding of report cards and records. Tuition and fees for 2019-2020 are payable in accordance with the plan you have selected through our FACTS tuition management service. Please direct questions regarding tuition and fees to St. Hilary Parish Business Manager Lou Camerato at 867-1055, ext. 203.

### **2019-2020 Class Lists to be Emailed**

In the past, class lists were posted on our school website at 12:01 a.m. on August 1. The incredible immediate volume of online traffic this causes overwhelms our website, rendering it inaccessible. To solve this problem, we will again follow the procedure begun several years ago. At 12:01 a.m. on August 1, class lists will be emailed to all families in the One Call Now system. Class lists will be posted online later that day.

## Changes to Note for 2019-2020 School Year

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on medical leave during the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Eldred will continue part-time as one of our school counselors. We are currently working on securing a counselor to work alongside Mrs. Eldred in a part-time capacity to provide complete school counseling services each school day.

We look forward to a smooth transition with each of these changes and welcome the new opportunities these changes bring!



## New Parent Leaders

Also new for 2019-2020 is our slate of parent leaders: Parents' Association President Brittany Root, President-Elect Catherine Leonakis, Vice-President Lauren Palumbo, Secretary Jessica Kwieciak, and Treasurer Shannon Cacchione, as well as School Board President Randy Parsons, Vice-President Jill Gallagher, Secretary Brian Peterson, and Members Badie Alnemr, Karl Higley, Lindsey Schroeter, and Jim Wilson. Thank you to these individuals and all of our parent volunteers who do so much to support our school!

## Officers Elected

Congratulations to our newly-elected 2019-2020 Student Council officers: President - James Bauman, Vice-President - Kate Wenzlik, Secretary James Morris, and Treasurer - Kaylee Simonetti. Thank you to all of the students who ran for office! Elections for homeroom representatives for grades 3-8 will be held in the fall.

## Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to seventh grader Kaylee Simonetti, the winner of this year's Kevin Neff Memorial Scholarship. Recipients of this annual award, honoring St. Hilary alumnus Kevin Neff who died of a brain tumor, are selected based on their spiritual, academic and social qualities. Kaylee's \$1,250 award will be applied to her 2019-2020 tuition.

## Second Grader Tapped

Second grader Natalie Warmus became the fifth recipient of the Klenotic Scholarship in memory of our former second grade teacher, Mrs. Jane Klenotic. Natalie was chosen based on her steadfast faith, strong work ethic, leadership, positive outlook, sense of humor, and confidence in the face of adversity. Natalie's \$1,000 award will be applied to her 2019-2020 tuition.

## Reflecting on This Year and Looking Forward to Next Year

We would like to thank all the parents who took time to complete our accreditation self-study survey and shared comments on the Parents' Association ballot. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive! We appreciate the many comments you shared. Please know that for every comment representing one point of view there was a comment representing an opposing point of view, and we strive to find the middle ground that best serves our students. We appreciate the trust you place in us to make the best possible decisions for your children. We are taking into consideration all of the comments shared with us, and where feasible, will work to address them as we plan for the 2019-2020 school year.

We are always looking for new ways to make our school even better, and have some improvements planned for the upcoming year.

We are eager to begin the replacement of our aging SmartBoards with Promethean Boards in our K-5 classrooms!

Thanks to your generosity in raising and approving funds, our SmartBoards in grades K-5 will be replaced with Promethean Boards as the first phase in this large-scale technology upgrade. Usable SmartBoards will be recycled for temporary use in other areas where possible, until Promethean Boards can be purchased for the remainder of the school. In addition to the new Promethean Boards, each classroom receiving a new board will also receive a new laptop for teacher use. Our goal is to synchronize technology across all classrooms so that all classes and teachers are using the same equipment. We are very excited about the opportunities all of this new technology will bring to enhance student learning!

Our career elective classes for grades 7 and 8 are also being revamped a bit. Introduced in the 2017-2018 school year, these classes quickly became favorites among our junior high students. For 2019-2020, elective classes will be offered three days a week, with the remaining two days being study halls.

Classes will include advanced photography, entrepreneurship/finance, fitness and healthy lifestyle, future Catholic teachers, global perspectives, graphic design, health science, home economics, robotics/coding, Saber Stories/video editing, and study hall.

As we transition from one school year to the next, one final very exciting thing we want to share with you is the planned facelift to our school entrance hallway. Many of the finishes in that area are original to the building, and we want to do what we can to brighten the space without extensive renovation. We look forward to adding fresh paint, framed student artwork, a more cohesive area to showcase awards, a video message board, and other amenities to make this area a more welcoming, modernized space.

We look forward to a great 2019-2020 school year!

## Eighth Graders Receive Scholarships and Awards

Congratulations to the following eighth grade students who received awards and scholarships at our eighth grade awards presentation:

### **Archbishop Hoban High School Scholarships:**

Bradley Bisesi, Anthony Gore, Paul Goske (2), Molly Kennedy, Joseph Markowski (2), Maeve Morris, Giana Mutersbaugh, Christian Parker (2), Evan Ray (2), Joseph Redle (2), Sophia Salamone (3), Molly Scanlon, Parker Smith, Benjamin Thoman, Lauren Tonsing (2), and Zachary Zimmerman

**St. Ignatius High School Scholarship:** Andrew Siefker

### **St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Scholarships:**

Thomas Angle (2), Jacob Bonus (2), Matthew Gomez, Mia Herrera, Augustine Leung, Nicholas Modugno, Lydia Peterson, Luke Shenigo, Aidan Spoerndle (2), and Daniel Welty

### **Walsh Jesuit High School Scholarships:**

Madelyn Haran, Kevin Holland, Jacob Kim, Madeleine Krismanth, and Marykate Miller

**Spirit of St. Hilary Awards:** Caroline Mahovlic and Anthony Hayek

**St. Hilary Perfect Attendance Award:** Jacob Kim

**St. Hilary Principal's Awards:** Giana Mutersbaugh, Molly Scanlon, Joseph Redle, and Breyden Zupsansky

**St. Hilary Christian Leadership Awards:** Emma Rasmussen and Benjamin Thoman

**St. Hilary Subject Area Awards:** Advanced Math—Sophia Salamone, Algebra - Molly Kennedy, Art - Andrew Siefker, Chinese - Jacob Kim, Computer—Evan Ray, French - Jacob Bonus History - Aidan Spoerndle, Language Arts - Lauren Tonsing, Music - Marina Ziegler, Physical Education - Joseph Redle, Pre-Algebra - Nicholas Buemi, Religion—Marykate Miller, Science - Joseph Markowski, and Spanish - Vivian Brown

**St. Hilary Outstanding Achievement in Academics (First Honors—3.8-4.0—in all 8 Quarters - 7th and 8th grade):** Thomas Angle, Bradley Bisesi, Jacob Bonus, Vivian Brown, Madelyn Haran, Molly Kennedy, Jacob Kim, Augustine Leung, Allison Malick, Joseph Markowski, Marykate Miller, Giana Mutersbaugh, Carla Nemer, Christian Parker, Lillian Pszonowsky, Ryleigh Renz, Sophia Salamone, Luke Shenigo, Parker Smith, Lauren Tonsing, and Heather Zimmerman

**St. Hilary Outstanding Achievement in Academics (First Honors—3.8-4.0—in all 4 Quarters - 8th grade):** Thomas Angle, Bradley Bisesi, Jacob Bonus, Sarah Brennan, Vivian Brown, Nicholas Buemi, Madelyn Haran, Caroline Incanno, Molly Kennedy, Jacob Kim, Madeleine Krismanth, Augustine Leung, Allison Malick, Joseph Markowski, Marykate Miller, Giana Mutersbaugh, Carla Nemer, Christian Parker, Lillian Pszonowsky, Joseph Redle, Ryleigh Renz, Sophia Salamone, Luke Shenigo, Andrew Siefker, Parker Smith, Lauren Tonsing, Marina Ziegler, and Heather Zimmerman

**St. Hilary Service Awards: Altar Servers -** Bradley Bisesi, Jacob Bonus, Matthew Gomez, Anthony Gore, Paul Goske, Mia Herrera, Jacob Kim, Madeleine Krismanth, Allison Malick, Megan McCauley, Nicholas Modugno, Christian Parker, Jack Paulus, Lydia Peterson, Sophia Salamone, Luke Shenigo, Andrew Siefker, Parker Smith, Aidan Spoerndle, Joseph Stock, Ben Thoman, Marina Ziegler, and Zachary Zimmerman

**St. Hilary Athletic Association \$500 Scholarships:** Jacob Bonus and Lauren Tonsing

**Dr. Joseph Congeni St. Hilary Athletic Association Athlete of Character Awards:** Anthony Gore, Sophia Salamone and Owen Tompkins

**St. Hilary Athletic Association Athlete of the Year Awards:** Nicholas Modugno and Sophia Salamone

### **St. Hilary Athletic Association Commissioner Awards:**

Basketball - Joseph Redle and Molly Scanlon; Cheerleading - Ryleigh Renz; Cross Country - Benjamin Thoman; Football - Luke Shenigo; Lacrosse - Ella Petit; Soccer - Lauren Tonsing; Volleyball - Molly Kennedy; and Track & Field - Thomas Angle and Haley Grucella

**Congratulations to all of our eighth graders!**

## Orientation Meetings August 22

New during this year's Back-to-School Night on August 22 will be orientation meetings for parents and students entering grades 3 and 6. Grade 3 will meet from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., and Grade 6 will meet from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., both in Horning Hall. Key aspects of these pivotal years will be presented at each meeting. We hope that these meetings will lay the groundwork for a successful transition from the primary to intermediate grades, and from the intermediate to junior high grades. For the complete Back-to-School Night schedule, please see below and watch for more information in August.

## Summer Skills Challenge

**Complete Summer Solutions  
Math Book,  
Read 5 Books and  
Complete 5 Book Report Forms  
Earn 2 Dress Down Passes!**

**\*Put Name on All Work to Earn Credit!\***



On behalf of our entire staff, we pray that you and your families enjoy a safe, healthy and happy summer. We look forward to seeing everyone's happy faces back at school in August!

## Report Cards, Supply Lists, Dress Code

Final report cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school. Class supply lists were emailed in March, are posted on the school website and will also be available at local retailers in July. The school dress code was emailed in March and can be found on our website. There are no changes from the current dress code, but please carefully note prohibited apparel and accessories before purchasing uniform items. Please

contact Mrs. Alexander with dress code questions. Class lists for the coming school year will be emailed to school families at 12:01 a.m. on August 1 and posted on the school website later that day. The school office will close for the summer on June 6 at noon and will reopen on August 12 at 9:00 a.m.



## 2019 Testing Scores Released

As you know, all students in grades K-8 have taken the MAP test three times this year, and individual score reports will be sent home with final report cards. The MAP test is the most widely used standardized test worldwide. The percentile rankings below show the degree to which our school scored in comparison to others across the nation who took the test. All students, regardless of ability or need, took the MAP test.

**Mathematics** — Kindergarten: 91, Grade 1: 98, Grade 2: 86, Grade 3: 90, Grade 4: 69, Grade 5: 81, Grade 6: 87, Grade 7: 93, and Grade 8: 94

**Reading** — Kindergarten: 92, Grade 1: 97, Grade 2: 70, Grade 3: 85, Grade 4: 92, Grade 5: 93, Grade 6: 94, Grade 7: 91, and Grade 8: 97

**Language Usage** — Grade 2: 86, Grade 3: 90, Grade 4: 97, Grade 5: 96, Grade 6: 96, Grade 7: 98, Grade 8: 99 (Grades K & 1 not tested)

## Back-to-School Dates: Join Us August 22, 26 and 29, September 4 and 5

### • Back-to-School Night will be held on August 22.

**KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES ONLY** may visit from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. During this time, families may visit classrooms, meet teachers and classmates, drop off supplies, and play on the playground. We suggest that last names A-M visit classrooms from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. and last names N-Z visit classrooms from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. to alleviate crowding.

**ORIENTATION FOR GRADE 3 PARENTS AND STUDENTS** from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. in Horning Hall.

**ORIENTATION FOR GRADE 6 PARENTS AND STUDENTS** from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Horning Hall.

**FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-8** may visit classrooms from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. to meet teachers and classmates and drop off supplies.

**ALL FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8** may stop by the Multi-Purpose room between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. to visit our information tables and purchase or pick up pre-ordered Spirit Wear, gym uniforms, and school uniforms. Please note that limited quantities will be available for purchase, so pre-ordering is strongly encouraged. Also featured from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. will be Recycled Uniforms drop-off and pick-up in the Science Lab. All Recycled Uniform items are free!

**Back-to-school forms will be available online! Watch for more information in August!**

• We will kick off the new school year at 9:00 a.m. on August 26 with a gathering on the parking lot outside Horning Hall. Please watch for details and plan to join us as we begin the year with prayer and friendship, and unveil our new theme.

• On August 29 at 9:00 a.m., Kindergarten parents will have an opportunity to meet each other and to sign up for classroom volunteer opportunities during classroom teas.

• Returning for 2019-2020 are our Curriculum Nights for grades K-5 and grades 6-8. Parents of students in grades 6, 7 and 8 should plan to attend on September 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Parents of students in grades K-5 should plan to attend on September 5 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**Please mark your calendar and watch for more information about all of these events in August!**